Light duty to BCCL workers

2474. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers who have been prescribed light duty by the medical officers in BCCL due to various diseases and physical disabilities as on 1st April, 1987 with area-wise and disease-wise break-up in details;

(b) what is the number of such persons provided with light duty on the same date; and

(c) whether it is a fact that while the musclemen have been provided with light-cum-no duty with full pay, the diseased employees are being refused the same causing them to starve and to become further disabled; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Apex Medical Board of BCCL recommended light duty for 24 employees during 1986-87. The requisite details are given below:—

Area	No. of cases recommended for light duty	Disease/Disability-wise break-up	No. of cases
No. II	1	Injury on duty	10
No. III	1	Chest problems	4
No. IV	5	Heart diseases	3
No. V	3	Cateract and other eye diseases	3
No. VI	4	Hansen's	2
No. VII	1	Eczema	1
No. VIII	2	Genito Urinary Operation	1
No. IX	1		
No. XI	4		
No. XII	2		

Statistics are not maintained of cases recommended for light duty by colliery doctors or medical authorities of BCCL other than the Apex Medical Board.

(b) Information regarding actual deployment on light duty of these 24 persons recommended by the Apex Medical Board of BCCL during 1986-87 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

Petrol pumps in Darjeeling District

2475. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps in operation in Darjeeling district of West Bengal;

(b) whether there is any proposal to allot more such pumps in the said district; and

(c) if so, by when and the details thereof?